

DMV NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Motor Vehicles
Media Relations Office
2415 First Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818

Tel: (916) 657-6437
Fax: (916) 657-8282

February 7, 2003

SACRAMENTO---The California New Motor Vehicle Board has unanimously elected two Southern California men as President and Vice President of the quasi-judicial agency at its January 8, 2003, meeting.

Glenn E. Stevens of Los Angeles was elected President of the Board, and David Wilson, of Orange, was elected Vice President. Stevens replaces Frederick E. (Fritz) Hitchcock Jr., who served as president since January of 2002.

Board President Glenn Stevens operates the Law Offices of Glenn E. Stevens, specializing in real estate matters. He is also counsel to Nelson Shelton & Associates, a real estate brokerage located in Beverly Hills. Stevens is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Beverly Hills Bar Association, the Beverly Hills Board of Realtors, and the National Board of Realtors.

Board Vice President David Wilson is the owner and President of twelve automobile dealerships employing more than 1,300 people. He owns and operates several award-winning automobile dealerships including Toyota, Lexus, Ford, Acura, and Honda. He has been a member of N.A.D.A., and A.I.A.D.A. and has served on the National Board of Directors of A.I.A.D.A. In 1988, Wilson received the Dealer of Distinction Award from Sports Illustrated and in 1991, he received the Quality Dealer Award from Time magazine.

"Mr. Stevens and Mr. Wilson are both dedicated, super-qualified professionals," said Tom Novi, Executive Director of the New Motor Vehicle Board. "They are two family men with very busy lives who are giving their expertise to the people of California by their service as officers on the New Motor Vehicle Board. We're truly fortunate to have them."

The New Motor Vehicle Board is composed of nine members, seven of whom are appointed by the Governor. The two others are appointed by the Speaker of the State Assembly and the State Senate Rules Committee. The Board has independent authority to resolve disputes between franchised dealers and manufacturers of new vehicles. It also hears new car dealer appeals from the final decisions of the Director of the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

New Motor Vehicle Board members receive \$100 per day when performing official Board duties.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles licenses drivers; maintains driving records; registers and tracks official ownership of vehicles and vessels; investigates auto and identity related fraud; and licenses car dealers, driving schools and traffic violator schools. The Department is under the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under Secretary Maria Contreras-Sweet. Additional information about the DMV is on the department's web site at www.dmv.ca.gov.